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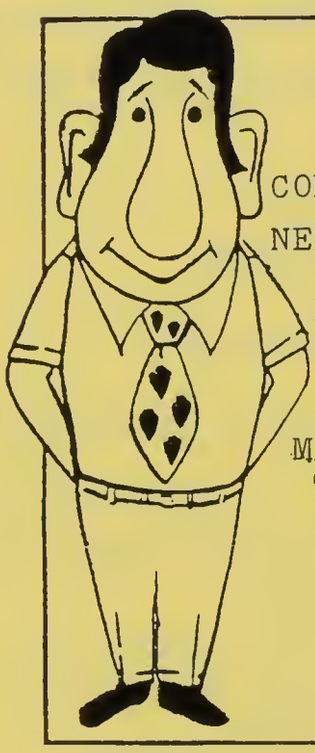

COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND BE SURE TO BUY THE NEW MARYLAND TOKEN BOOK

NOTICE OF MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17,1987
35th ANNUAL MANA CONVENTION
SHERATON INN, NEW CARROLLTON, MD.
11:00am to 2:00pm... Room 1011 (?)
(You had better check the room #)

The President's Message

In the few days prior to the composition of this message, I received several pieces of information, both of good and bad news, that have an effect on our society.

First, as we all are aware, the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) cancelled its annual convention for this year. This sad event was a dissapointment to us all. However, I was heartened to learn that MD TAMS was selected to be a host club for the MSNA's 1988 convention to be held at Baltimore's Festival Hall next June. Hopefully, we can all join in and help make the '88 convention a big success; I urge our members to contact me about volunteering their time and services.

Next, I learned that Melvin Fuld, the prominent Maryland exonumist, had passed away on August 3rd. Mr. Fuld was MD TAMS Honorary Life Member #1. Mill Hajek and Vern Taylor had visited with Mr. Fuld several years ago; a record of this meeting can be found in the MD TAMS Journal, Volume I, Number II (Winter, 1979). Mr. Fuld's passing is a great loss to the token and medal collecting fraternity.

Now, a piece of good news. Mill Hajek contacted me stating that the $5,000 loan from the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) for our book fund has been paid back in full. This is indeed good news! If we all could sell a copy of the catalog, we could meet the rest of our obligations in just such a fashion.

Finally, our next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association (MANA) annual convention to be held in Lanham on October 17th. Hope to see you there!

Bill Miller

From The Editor

HONORING OUR CONSTITUTION....

It is hard for us to realize what it would be like to live without the umbrella of our constitution. No other country now or ever, has enjoyed the balance of freedom, liberty and justice which we take for granted under the guarantees of our constitution.

Few realize that our country was established on paper documents which were written by the people seeking freedom, liberty and justice. We declaired our independence from Great Britain on paper; we formed our first government on the Articles of Confederation and when it became obvious we could not function under the Confederation we wrote a constitution which is now considered the greatest contribution of our nation to the world.

It is significant for numismatists to realize that the major failings of the Confederation were the governments inability to establish a sound currency and regulate trade among the states. The weak central government had no source for income and no backing for currency. The chaos which resulted almost marked the end of the United States' experiment in democracy. A political party was formed which advocated the issuance of paper currency and unregulated trade among states threatened another rebellion. One small spat, called the "oyster war" pitted Maryland and Virginia fishermen against each other in their rights to fish the Potomac River. George Washington invited representatives to Mount Vernon to settle their problems and other commercial difficulties. The conference failed, but they agreed to meet the following year in Annapolis, Maryland and invite all states to attend. Only five states sent representatives to Annapolis, so its members called finally for all the states to send delegates to Philadelphia in May of 1787, to consider "the situation of the United States." The rest is history.

Numismatist should also be aware that several of the greatest tests of the constitution have resulted in interesting series of tokens. The Hard-Time tokens

are political tokens whose theme centered around President Andrew Jackson's constitutional fight against the United States Bank. Later the greatest test of our constitution, the Civil War, generated the extensive and most facinating series of Civil War tokens. There are hundreds of medals in honor of our constitution... what an interesting theme to collect!

The story of the Constitution and Currency will be one of the presentations at the Educational Forum at the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association's 35th Annual Convention... 3:30pm - Saturday, October 17 at the New Carrollton Sheraton. Plan on attending our MD TAMS meeting and stay for the forum. Regardless, I hope we will all reflect on our great blessing of the United States Constitution. No other document has so changed the course of human events.....

Will

MIDDLE ATLANTIC NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

35th COIN CONVENTION

OCTOBER 16-18, 1987

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In Remembrance

Melvin Fuld

How grateful we have been in Maryland to have touched upon the life of Melvin Fuld. MD TAMS Honorary Life Member #1, quietly succumbed to an illness of more than five years in Baltimore August 4. He was 86 years old.

A chemist by profession, Melvin Fuld was director of research of Fuld Bros,Inc, of Baltimore. He extended his research talents into his hobby as he and his son, George, opened the door to the modern era of Civil War tokens with their Whitman publications, Patriotic Civil War Tokens (1960) and A Guide To Civil War Store Card Tokens (1962).

I was one of literally thousands of collectors thrilled with these publications as there no current publications on Civil War tokens. Living in New Jersey at the time I wrote to the Fulds and endded up with a wonderful correspondence and the purchasing of quite a few of their tokens.

A native of Baltimore, Melvin Fuld was born on July 18, 1901. He received his education at Baltimore Poly, Johns Hopkins University and Lehigh University. He begain collecting coins in 1940, when his young 10 year old son George received a cent folder from a relative as a gift. Almost immediately, they both became interested in coins and tokens. Thus begain the famous "George and Melvin Fuld" team which has opened so many numismatic doors. In 1947 the Fulds attended their first ANA Convention and were captivated by an exhibit of Civil War tokens. It didn't take them long to decide to specialize in this interesting series of tokens. They purchased several large collections one of which consisted of more than 4,500 Civil War tokens. In 1966, Melvin Fuld wrote, " From that time on, after we purchased the Barnett collection, our appetite for the field of U.S. tokens was insatiable. Among a number of notable milestones in building our collection was the purchase of the late Stuart Mosher's collection of tokens and medals which opened many new fields to us, especially in the field of calendar medals and tokens."

When asked by Vernon Taylor in 1979 what his favorite collecting interest was, Melvin immediately responded..CALENDARS! He had published a series on calendars in The Numismatist

several years earlier.

The Fuld publications on Civil War tokens are now the standard referance volums for this series of tokens and each token is identified by its "FULD" number. Their books led to the formation of the Civil War Token Society (CWTS) in 1967. Melvin Fuld served as the first president of the CWYS and their volumes have been updated by the CWTS several times since they were originally published.

In addition to being our Honorary Life Member #1, Melvin Fuld was a founder and charter member of the Maryland Numismatic Society, Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association and the Token and Medal Society. He also served as a member of the 1965 U.S. Assay Commission.

I shall always be grateful to the Fulds as their works have been very influencial on my numismatic life. Melvin Fuld was a dedicated giant in the field of exonumia. His life is a monument to numismatics. How fortunate we were to have had him as a part of our Maryland numismatic heritage.

Note: see "a Conversation with Melvin Fuld", MD TAMS Journal, vol. 1, no. 2, page 9.

Will Mumford

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OPEN LETTER TO ALL MD TAMS MEMBERS

MD TAMS MEMBER:

One of the major educational projects undertaken by MD TAMS has finally reached fulfillment! After several years of hard work, our goal of publishing a book on "Maryland Merchant Tokens" has been Completed. The book, as your well aware, is now being offered for sale. I extend my personal thanks to all those members who participated and contributed toward this noble effort.

To date, book sales are doing quite well. However, we cannot become complacent! We must continue to hustle sales at every available opportunity.

In order to publish the book, TAMS and MSNA granted us sizable loans. Without this generous finanical support, publication of the book would have been impossible. As a consequence, MD TAMS and all its members have a financial obligation as well as a morale obligation to repay these loans in a timely fashion.

And, that is the purpose of this letter; a request for your help!!! I'm calling upon each of you to show your support to MD TAMS in this endeavor and to urge you to buy a book and solicit sales from your friends, neighbors, fellow collectors, and whoever. SELL A BOOK!!!!!

Once we have met our financial obligations, monies raised will be used for a book fund to help publish other works by members. So support this worthy cause and sell some books.

Our book, "Maryland Merchant Tokens", will make an excellent addition to anyone's personal numismatic library and you'll be supporting your own organization, MD TAMS, by helping to sell the book.

Millard W. Hajek

Millard W. Hajek
Book Committee Chairman

BUY THE BOOK.....SELL A BOOK.....BUY A BOOK..... SELL A BOOK

GEORGE T. REDDEN of DENTON, MARYLAND

by Bill Miller

George T. Redden operated a fruit and vegetable cannery in and around the town of Denton, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for over forty years. Redden started in 1888, when he began canning peaches and tomatoes under the "Safebrand" label. Eventually he also canned peas and corn as well as operating a sawmill.

Redden first canned at the Denton bridge, on the Choptank River. He moved his operation in 1899 to a location next to the Denton depot of the Queen Anne Railroad. Later, he moved his cannery across the Choptank River to West Denton, where his location provided access to both the river and the railroad.

Redden also had a branch factory in the nearby town of Burrsville, which is located on the Maryland-Delaware border. This factory was listed from 1917-1921.

Redden died in 1932. His two sons were unable to continue operations and the cannery was taken over in 1934 by the People's Bank of Denton; the bank formed the West Denton Canning Company. In 1936 the Phillips Packing Company of Cambridge, Maryland bought the West Denton Canning Company and operated its West Denton plant there until the mid 1950's. Today, only the foundations are visable behind the Lebanon Fertilizer Company.

Two tokens are known from G.T. Redden & Co. The significance of the 'W' counterstamp is not known.

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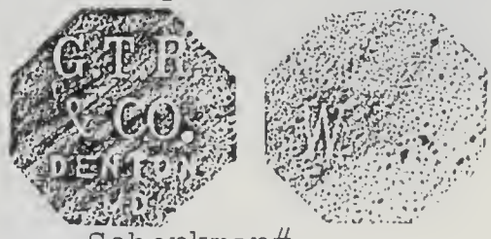
brass, 21mm



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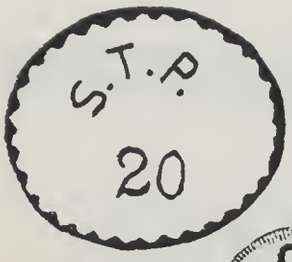

Checken Fer Pickers

by
Will Mumford
MD TAMS LM-18

A Continuing Study of Anne Arundel County Farm Pickers Checks.

More photos from the Lewis Hine collection now owned by the Library od Congress. Several of these photos were used by Mame and Marion Warren in their excellent book, Maryland Time Exposures, 1840-1940. On pages 88 and 89 are two of Lewis Hines photographs (Little Annie Bissie and the Polish family), but they are erroneously listed as from Baltimore County rather than Anne Arundel County. More of Lewis Hines photos are found on pages 144 and 145. These are the only known photos taken of pickers in the field. Again the captions under the photos came with the photos and are assumed to have been added by the photographer, Lewis Hines.

BOTTOMLEY FARM, ANNE ARUNDEL CO. MD. 1909. Noon hour on the berry farm, the dining room. Photo by Lewis Hine.

MARY - a Polish girl and her mother, picking berries on Bottomley farm, Rock Creek, Md. In the winter they go to Dunbar, La. for oyster shucking. July 1909.

INTERIOR of one family room in upper floor of one of the berry pickers shacks. 1909. Photo by Lewis Hine.

PICKER'S SHANTY, Bottomley farm, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. July 1909. Photo by Lewis Hine.

BOTTOMLEY FARM. July 1909, Berry pickers.

JULY 1909. These children are representative of the families that occupy this one room shack on Bottomley's farm in AACounty. There are only sliding curtaines to separate families. Bunk on the floor above the floor. Photo by Lewis Hine.

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by CURTIS JUDGE

INTERIM LISTING OF NEW MEXICO TRADE TOKENS
by Richard D. Worthington

Although titled an interim listing, Mr. Worthington's new work on New Mexico trade tokens is the definitive listing to this writers knowledge. An earlier listing was prepared by Mr. John Schilling which very briefly described 809 different New Mexico tokens. The lists produced by Schilling went far in revealing the wide diversity of New Mexico trade token types. However, his brief descriptions and lack of a rarity scale made it very difficult to use the listings for other than check-off purposes.

In writing his reference work, Mr. Worthington set out to correct many of the deficiencies of previous listings. He included a rarity scale as well as a maverick index. In his book he has also set up a system for other collectors to report new listings, corrections, historical information and other data they feel necessary for future revisions of the book. Mr. Worthington also details the operational procedures by which he compiled his listings and information for the work. He reviewed quite a number of different collections containing from 50 to over 600 different tokens. In addition to the collections reviewed, he used every other available literature source for descriptions, pictures, etc. The number of tokens described in the interim exceeds 1400, thus extending the knowledge of New Mexico tokens by more than 600 over the previous Schilling listings.

Mr. Worthington's soft cover book is in the 5¼" x 8½" format. The tokens are listed alphabetically by city and/or business name under each city. A complete obverse and reverse description is given for each token along with size, metallic content, and current rarity scale. An extensive list of other literature is also cited in the bibliography. Persons wishing to purchase a copy of the work or add listings, corrections, etc. should write to Mr. Worthington at 740 Tepic, El Paso, Texas 79912.

Carroll County Coin Club

----NEWS RELEASE----

CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB COMMEMORATES DUAL ANNIVERSARIES WITH MEDAL

THE CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, IS ISSUING A LIMITED EDITION MEDAL, TO COMMEMORATE THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF CARROLL COUNTY.

THE OBVERSE OF THE MEDAL SHOWS THE CLUB LOGO AND COMMEMORATES THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COIN CLUB. LEWIS ERB OF WESTMINSTER, CURRENT CLUB PRESIDENT AND CHARTER MEMBER, DESIGNED THE CLUB LOGO.

THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL SHOWS THE CARROLL COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND SALUTES THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF CARROLL COUNTY.

ARTWORK FOR THE MEDAL WAS COMPLETED BY KENN SHRADER OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AND THE MEDALS ARE BEING PRODUCED BY PRESSED METAL PRODUCTS OF VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA.

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THE MEDALS, AVAILABLE EARLY IN JULY, MAY BE ORDERED FROM THE CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB, 4350 NUSBAUM ROAD, TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND 21787.

TOKEN & MEDAL WORD SLEUTH

by

Bob Ruby, LM-7

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -- forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. There are a total thirty-four terms that pretain to the collecting of tokens and medals. Good luck.

FROM THE PAGES OF

Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

Medal depicts 'Constitution'

The *USS Constitution*, second oldest commissioned U.S. warship and still afloat, is the subject of the design for the New England Numismatic Association 1987 Conference medal.

The reverse of the medal, designed by James F. Clapp Jr. of Cambridge, Mass., is intended to commemorate both the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, and the famous ship, which was commissioned 190 years ago and is now berthed in the Old Boston Navy Yard.

The 1.5-inch diameter medals will be struck in bronze, silver and gold-plated versions. The gold-plated specimens will be offered only as part of a set of three, containing an example in each metal.

The three-medal set is being made available on a subscription basis at $40, plus $3 for postage and handling. The closing date for subscription orders is Sept. 1.

Individual bronze medals are priced at $5 each, and the silver medals are offered for $25, plus $3 per order for postage and handling.

Medal orders should be addressed to NENA Medals, P.O. Box 99, West Roxbury, Mass. 02132. Checks should be made payable to NENA.

Artist's sketch of the 1987 NENA Conference medal.

TAMS releases medal

The assemblage medal for the 27th annual meeting of the Token and Medal Society, to be held during the American Numismatic Association convention in Atlanta, depicts the gold-enameled dome of the Georgia State Capitol on the obverse, with the TAMS logo on the reverse.

The medal is being struck in limited quantities, in serially numbered, .999 fine silver (1-ounce); bronze; and copper.

The serially numbered silver issue, limited to 125 pieces, will be available for $16 at the convention; or can be ordered by mail for $17.50, postpaid. A total of 250 medals each will be struck in bronze and copper. They are priced at $2 each at the convention, and $2.50 each by mail.

The three-piece set of fine silver, copper and bronze medals will sell for $17.50 at the convention, and $19.50 by mail.

TAMS medals chairman Al Baber suggests that orders for the medals be placed early, since quantities are limited. Remittances should be made payable to the Token and Medal Society, and mailed to Al Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, Calif. 92021.

TAMS 27th annual convention medal features the golden dome of the Georgia State Capitol on the obverse and the famous TAMS logo on the reverse. Medals are struck in limited silver, bronze and copper issues.

Offers elongate

Elongated Advertising of Alaska, 611 Cowles St., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, offers the "Dip Netter" for $2 each, four for $6.

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Coin World
THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

COIN WORLD, Wednesday, August 26, 1987

Tokens enter circulation

By R.W. Colbert

It's a good feeling to be able to always add an old merchant token to your collection when you're a token collector, but on rare occasions an interesting and impressive example of a modern issue will turn up that is about as desirable as some of the older token issues.

The token pictured here is an example. The piece is made of aluminum and features a gazebo on the obverse side with the inscription reading: STONE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE FESTIVAL, STONE MOUNTAIN GEORGIA. A view of the Stone Mountain Memorial carving appears on the reverse with inscription: GOOD FOR 50¢ IN TRADE.

The tokens were first placed in use June 20 at the 1987 Stone Mountain Village Festival. The two-day outdoor event attracted large crowds and numerous arts and crafts were on display at the event and for sale to visitors.

The tokens, sold at a token booth, were purchased by visitors and redeemable at any one of the concessions stands for food and drinks.

Being a collector of Georgia tokens, nothing would please me more than to see tokens of this quality and design used at other events throughout the state. That would be a token collector's dream!

Stone Mountain Village Festival 50-cent tokens were first placed in use in June.

COIN WORLD, Wednesday, July 29, 1987

Sculptured by Barbara Hyde, the Liberty Trust medals feature the busts of Presidents Washington and Reagan on the obverse and the signing of the Constitution on the reverse.

Hyde designs medal for Constitution celebration

One-ounce and 1-pound medals commemorating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution are being minted by the private Liberty Trust Mint of Washington, D.C.

The medals were sculptured by Barbara Hyde of Santa Ana, Calif., and designed by Willis Carto of Washington D.C. The medals are composed of .999 fine silver and are serial numbered. The finish is described as Uncirculated with a "burnished" finish, Carto said.

The 1 troy ounce medal is 1.5 inches in diameter and the 1-pound medal (7,000 grains) is 3.5 inches in diameter. A maximum of 10,000 1-pound medals and 20,000 1-ounce medals, will be struck, Carto said.

The 1-ounce medal, which sells for $35, comes in a hard plastic case and box with a certificate of authenticity. The 1-pound Bicentennial of the Constitution medal, which sells for $325, is sealed in a plastic envelope and comes with a walnut display stand and a 1-ounce silver medal, Carto said.

Orders should be directed to the Liberty Trust Mint, 300 Independence Ave., Washington, D.C. 20003.

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COIN WORLD, Wednesday, July 29, 1987

Spadone enamels elongated cent

Veteran elongated cent roller and coin, stamp and diamond dealer, Frank G. Spadone of Pinehurst, N.J., has created an enameled elongated cent.

Titled "Loyalty," the coin's design depicts a dog — "Man's Best Friend" — supporting and comforting a little girl, crying in a corner. The figures are enameled in four colors, red, blue, black and white, against the natural copper background of the cent.

The enameled cents can be ordered for $1 each, or six for $5, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope, from Frank G. Spadone, 135 E. White Horse Pike, Pinehurst, N J. 08201; or for 50 cents each, five for $2, unenameled

He also reminds persons interested in collecting elongated cents of the existence of The Elongated Collectors, a national organization. With membership dues of $5 a year, the club mails members four quarterly newsletters of about 20 pages each, provides them with a membership coin and a free elongated with each newsletter, and gives them the privilege of placing a free advertisement in each newsletter.

Applications for membership can be obtained from TEC Secretary Raymond Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430.

Enameled elongated cent created by Frank G. Spadone.

Dealer buys sutler tokens

Professional numismatist David E. Schenkman has acquired the Paul Koppenhaver collection of Civil War sutler tokens, recognized as one of the largest and finest of its type ever assembled.

Koppenhaver acquired the majority of the more than 200 tokens in the collection when he purchased the collection of J.J. Curto in the 1970s.

The Civil War sutler was the equivalent of today's post exchange and ship service store. He traveled with the troops, transporting his goods by horse-drawn wagon, and setting up shop in a large tent, or dealing from the rear of his wagon.

The sutler's stock consisted of necessities such as clothing, shaving and toilet utensils, knives, pans, foods, patent medicines, tobacco, stationery, newspapers, books and so forth. Generally speaking, sutlers charged exorbitant prices, and often sold poor-quality merchandise.

Tokens were issued by sutlers primarily for the purpose of extending credit to soldiers. By using tokens instead of cash, the sutler prevented his customers from dealing elsewhere, thus ensuring future sales. These small tokens were struck strictly for utilitarian purposes, and the majority were made of thin brass planchets. Today, even the "common" types are quite scarce, and many are extremely rare.

According to Schenkman, who is the author of *Civil War Tokens and Cardboard Scrip*, the standard reference about the subject, the Koppenhaver collection "represents a most unusual opportunity for collectors. Rarely does a dealer have more sutler tokens in stock than he can count on the fingers of one hand."

"This offering, to the best of my knowledge, is by far the largest collection ever to be broken up and offered at fixed prices. Undoubtedly, it will be many years before some of these pieces come on the market again," Schenkman said.

Highlights of the collection include two denominations of the rare New Hampshire sutler token and eight different Virginia tokens. There are 24 varieties from Illinois, and nearly that number from Indiana. Ohio is represented by no fewer than 65 tokens. Tokens from Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin also are included.

Sutler token specialists are invited to write to Achenkman, at P.O. Box 366, Bryantown, Md. 20617.

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Coin club medal honors Williams

The Vallejo (Calif.) Coin Club has issued a medal to commemorate its 400th consecutive meeting, the 60th anniversary of the San Francisco Bay's Carquinez bridge and in tribute to deceased member, Reuben "Lucky" Williams.

The medal's obverse shows the club's Flying Eagle logo and "1954," the year of the club's founding. Measuring 39 millimeters in diameter, the reverse of the prooflike medal shows the Carquinez bridge, the portrait of "Lucky" Williams and is inscribed COMMEMORATING OUR 400TH MEETING; 60TH ANNIVERSARY CARQUINEZ BRIDGE along the periphery.

The organization had 100 serially numbered, 1 troy ounce silver medals struck and 300 non-serially numbered bronze medals struck. The silver medals are sold out and about half of the bronze medals are still available, society Treasurer Stan Turrini said.

The Vallejo (Calif.) Coin Club offers this medal honoring Reuben "Lucky" Williams.

A coin collector for more than 25 years, Reuben Lee "Lucky" Williams was killed in a yet-unsolved robbery of his Fairfield, Calif., "Aquarius Coin Shop" on Nov. 1, 1986, Turrini said.

Depicted on the medal's reverse, Williams was a coin hobbyist and collector of 1-ounce silver rounds. At the time of his death Williams' collection included more than 2,000 different 1-ounce silver rounds, numerous 2- and 5-ounce silver rounds and complete sets of most U.S. coin types, Turrini said.

"Lucky started collecting 1 ounce silver rounds because he said he'd finished his U.S. sets," Turrini said. "He was a very generous man, giving gold coins and gold type sets to local clubs so they could raise money by raffling them off."

Turrini said Williams got his nickname "Lucky" when in 1945 he gambled his whole paycheck in a Tennessee gambling den and came out a big winner.

Williams was the founder and past president of the Solano (Calif.) Silver Round Club, and the past president of the Vallejo Numismatic Society and the Napa Valley (Calif.) Coin Club. Williams had also owned and operated two coin stores in California.

Also shown on the reverse of the medal is Carquinez Bridge, which Turrini says was the first major bridge to span part of the San Francisco Bay, yet received minimal recognition. "It was completed on May 1, 1927, the day Lindbergh landed in Paris, so it wasn't really first page news like the Golden Gate Bridge was." he said.

Vallejo Numismatic Society 400th meeting bronze medals are available for $2 postpaid from Mike Stanley, Medals Coordinator, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, Calif. 94520.

Medal honors anniversary

Monnaies Serge Huard has issued a 38-millimeter medal in antique finish for the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The obverse illustrates the "We the people" scroll; the reverse depicts the Great Seal of the United States. The 1-ounce .999 fine silver medal sells for $39.50 with a mintage of 25. Gold- and silver-plated medals (500 each) cost $3.50; a copper version (1,000 pieces) costs $3.50 each. The three-piece set costs $9 each or 10 sets for $79.50. All prices are in U.S. funds including postage. Orders should be sent to Huard at Case Postale 402, Pointe-aux-Trembles, Quebec H1B 5K3, Canada.

ATTS makes progress toward token catalog

Progress toward a new catalog of tax tokens is the principal theme of the April-June newsletter of the American Tax Token Society.

The newsletter, distributed free to society members, includes a 15-page copy of the draft new catalog of Missouri tax tokens. It also contains an extensive discussion about a new numbering system, as well as other technical matters.

Readers will also find historical information from the states of Washington and Ohio, and technical reviews of tokens from Oklahoma, Colorado and Utah.

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